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HOUSE RESOLUTION 124
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Deputy Director Herbert Carlos Redden for his meritorious service as a firefighter.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those noteworthy Tennesseans whose contributions to their profession are a source of inspiration for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director Herbert Redden of the Memphis Fire Department, is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity for 30 years in the firefighting profession; and

WHEREAS, throughout its storied history the City of Memphis has benefited from the contributions of persons whose job is to risk their lives daily in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, others have served quietly, but with diligence, energy, great ability and tremendous influence, yet their efforts on the public behalf merit for them an honored place in the pantheon of distinguished Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden entered the Memphis Fire Academy on May 1st, 1969; he took the Fireman's Oath on June 13th, 1969, receiving an assignment to Company 37-B; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Redden was promoted to Fire Driver and assigned to Pumper 39-B in August, 1976, followed by a promotion to Lieutenant in July, 1978; and

WHEREAS, respected by peers and superiors alike, Herbert Redden was promoted to the rank of Captain in June, 1982; and

WHEREAS, in March, 1986, Mr. Redden was promoted to the position of Fire District Chief, and assigned to Battalion 3-C, followed by a stint as Deputy Chiefs-Duty from 1988-92; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden was appointed Deputy Director of the department in January, 1992, and has served with great compassion, loyalty to his subordinates, and grace under pressure; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Carlos Redden is described by co-workers, friends and family alike as an honest, caring, and fair person; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2000, Deputy Director Redden retired from his remarkable career as a fireman, which spanned thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden is proudly received upon his retirement by his loving family: wife, Jean, daughters, Floresa and Jeanine, and son, Herbert III; and

WHEREAS, he is also the beloved grandfather of Victoria and Loren. Mr. Redden has led a life of quality, warmth, and good fortune; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Redden's impact upon the Memphis Fire Department, with respect to professionalism, order, stability and accountability made over the course of his career, cannot be overestimated; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have benefited greatly as a result of the integrity, honesty and dedication to hard work Mr. Redden has exhibited through his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, Herbert will be dearly missed by his many friends in the City of Memphis, who see him as the perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of public

service; he is an outstanding Tennessean who is especially deserving of this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Deputy Director Herbert Carlos Redden for his meritorious 30-year career in firefighting, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.